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RAILWAYS
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UNMANNED RAILWAY CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration to revise the guidelines for manning of unmanned level crossings to control accidents on the level crossing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways are contemplating to allow private participation in manning and maintenance of the unmanned level crossings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Madam. The manning criteria has been revised in April, 2010.

(b) The criteria for manning of level crossings as per revised guidelines is as under:-

Category-I: All level crossing gates where Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) is more than 3000.

Category-II: (Restricted visibility): All level crossings gates having less than 800 metres visibility for road users and where Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) is more than 2500.

(c) and (d): Yes, railways are exploring possibility of manning and maintenance of unmanned level crossing through private participation i.e. involvement of industrial Houses, and local Panchayats. However, no such proposal has been received for manning and maintenance of unmanned level crossing.